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TALK TO FARMERS

An Interesting Article on Dry Farming By Prof. R. S. Trumbull

The farmers on the mesa have reason to rejoice. Moisture, which is the limiting factor in crop production here, is quite abundant at present. But moisture alone must not be depended upon to produce good crops. Favorable moisture conditions must be combined with good farming.

Moisture is lost from the soil in four ways. First, it runs off the surface; second it evaporates from the surface; third, weeds exhaust the soil moisture, and fourth, it is used by crops.

The end and aim of good farming is to prevent, as far as possible, losses of moisture in the first three ways mentioned, thus diverting the maximum amount to the use of crops.

There are three essentials to good farming here on the mesa: 1. The selection of those crops which are known to be best adapted to this locality.

2. Thin planting.
3. Control of weeds.

It is very evident that the farmers who have been most successful here are those who have embodied these essentials most thoroughly into their system of farming. Of these three essentials, the last named needs the most emphasis at this time. The greatest loss of soil moisture is due to weeds. If the field are given the necessary cultivation to keep them free from weeds the same cultivation will practically meet all other requirements. The surface will be provided with the necessary mulch, (avoid dust mulch), to check surface evaporation, prevent blowing and leave the surface open to prevent run-off.

Every person holding a piece of this land is interested in seeing it advance in cash value. Now, in order for the country to advance most rapidly, let us unite our efforts this season in making as good a crop showing as possible.

I fully realize that few of the farmers have the necessary equipment for properly tending all of their crops. This being the case, I would urge that each farmer use two to ten acres as a demonstration field giving it the best of care.

At present, I have a large number of individual co-operators who are going to farm a two-acre demonstration piece according to the plan outlined below. I would like to include in this list all of the active farmers on the mesa, and will be pleased to receive the names of any others who will co-operate in this way. I shall give what assistance I can to my individual co-operators, in fact most of my time, while here, will be used among them.

Description of two acre demonstration piece for individual co-operators.

- 1 1 acre summer fallow, to be kept free of weeds during the summer, without crop.
- 2 1-10 acre in beans; rows 3 to 3 1/2 feet apart. Plants 6 inches apart in the rows.
- 3 1-10 acre in beans; same as (2) above except plants 12 inches in the rows.
- 4 1-10 acre in beans same as (3) above except plants 18 inches apart in the rows.
- 5 1-10 acre corn; rows 3 feet to 3 feet 8 inches apart. 1 stalk in place 20 inches apart in the

M. G. Keenan Badly Hurt

While driving a cow Friday forenoon a short distance south of French, Matt G. Keenan, cattle inspector, met with a serious accident through his horse stumbling by stepping in a hole, throwing him violently to the ground. He lay unconscious on the prairie for fifteen or twenty minutes, being alone, and when he regained consciousness he got on his horse, which was standing a short distance away, and came to town. His lower lip on the right side was cut clear through and down over an inch, necessitating sewing several stitches. It is a bad cut and will require several weeks to heal. Aside from this he sustained a few other slight cuts on his face and a bruise on his left forehead. Otherwise he was uninjured. Mr. Keenan certainly had a narrow escape from death. Dr. Hopkins administered to the wounds and is tending him. - Springer Stockman

Farmers Attention

There will be a meeting at the Roy School House, Monday evening May 20th at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering the organization of a farmers club at Roy also for the discussion of agricultural matters of importance at the present time. There is three live Farmers Clubs on this mesa in the vicinity of Roy. Why can't we have one here? Everybody interested should attend and help boost this proposition along.

The Ladies of the Embroidery Club met at the home of Mrs. J. Floersheim on Thursday afternoon and held a very pleasant meeting after which the hostess served a delicious luncheon, which was enjoyed by all.

Elmer Evans of near Abbott was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Ed Noyes, a cattle man of the Sanchez country was a business visitor the first of the week.

- rows.
- 6 1-10 acre corn; same as (5) above except plants 30 inches apart in the rows.
- 7 1-10 acre corn; same as (5) above, except plants 40 inches apart in the rows.
- 8 1-10 acre milo; rows 3 feet to 3 ft. 8 inches apart. Plants 16 inches apart in the rows.
- 9 1-10 acre milo; same as (8) above except plants 24 inches apart in the rows.
- 10 1-10 acre milo; same as (8) above, except plants 32 inches apart in the rows.
- 11 1-10 acre in which co-operator is to try out any crop he desires using his method through out.

All plants to kept free of weeds and record kept of dates of planting, cultivation given, yields and anything else the co-operator may deem of importance.

The 2 acre piece should be in a long strip, say 80 rods long. The fallow would then be 2x80 rods and each 1-10 acre plot 2x8 rods. Each plot should be planted at the thickest rate mentioned and then the necessary thinning done as soon as the crop is up. The planting should be done some time between now and June 10, the farmer using his judgment as to date.

R. S. TRUMBULL,
Agricultural Observer,
E. P. & S. W.

Ground Gets Good Soaking

Speaking of natural phenomena we claim the snow storm of May 13th and 14th, 1912 goes down in history as a record breaker. Snow fell to a depth of 8 or 10 inches and for two days it remained to soak up the thirsty earth. We have rejoiced all over the splendid supply of moisture in the soil and this melting snow has certainly fixed us up right. It was a little unpleasant to take while it lasted, and some of the people who have delicate complexions are suffering from "Snow-burns, and the stock had a couple of bad nights out, but as rule, now that it is over, we are rejoicing over the effects of the first summer snow storm. Farmers in the vicinity of Roy are waiting impatiently for the soil to dry sufficiently to permit them to get in their crops and ranch men are rejoicing in the prospect of unlimited pasture for the rest of the season regardless of future weather conditions.

Pay Your Poll Tax

Poll taxes for 1912 are now past due, and should be promptly paid. The New Mexico law requires that every able bodied male person of 21 years of age or over, shall pay a poll tax of \$1.00 per year to the clerk of the School Board of the district in which he resides. If any such person fails or refuses to pay said tax, the School Board are authorized to collect same by law, and no property is exempt from execution in suits for collection. Residents of school District no. 33 of Mora County N. M. are hereby notified to pay their Poll Tax to the undersigned.

M. D. GRAYS
Clerk of School Board
District 33.

Miss Opal Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Evans of near Abbott arrived in the city Wednesday from Las Cruces where she has been for several months past for the benefit of her health. Miss Opal looks much improved and is just as pretty as ever.

M. Cohen of Oakland, Cal. representing R. L. Polk, publisher of directories was here the first of the week obtaining data and advertising for the New Mex. State Directory for years of 1912, 1913 and 1914.

Stanley and Roy Bushkevitz entertained a number of their young friends Sunday in honor of their cousin Irene Bushkevitz, who is here visiting from her home in Lemont, Ill.

M. Kahn, a traveling salesman of Pueblo, Colo., was calling on local merchants this week in the interest of the Colorado Bedding Company.

As usual John Gallagher of De Haven was snow bound in the city this week. John says we never have any snow or rain unless Joe Ballard or himself comes to town.

Benito Baca, a traveling salesman of Tucumcari was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

For efficient work, legal documents and notarial work, see E. J. H. Roy.

Conductor Terry Seriously Hurt

Conductor Charles Terry of local freight train No. 185 was caught between a traction engine which was on a flat car, and a brake wheel, on last Saturday and was badly injured but probably not fatally. He was standing on the flat car in front of the traction engine attending to the brake wheel while going down the steep grade at Medio, when the machinery slipped, pinning him between the wheel and engine. He was taken to the hospital at Tucumcari where he is receiving medical treatment, and at this writing he is doing nicely. Charlie is an old timer on this road and has many friends here who regret to hear of his misfortune and hope for his speedy recovery.

Freight Train in the Ditch

Owing to the heavy snow of this week, the track at mile post 74 gave way last Tuesday afternoon ditching two coal cars and the caboose of train No. 185 which caused a delay in traffic and much work for the wrecking crew and section men. The wreck was all cleared by Wednesday evening, the wrecker from Tucumcari being called to the scene. Nobody injured.

Violent Bushkevitz and daughter who have been visiting at the home of A. S. Bushkevitz east of town for the past two weeks returned to their home in Lemont, Ill., Thursday. A. S. Bushkevitz accompanied them home and will spend about ten days in that city visiting with his parents.

State Engineer, Chas. D. Miller of Santa Fe was in the city the first of the week enroute to Albert where he went to look into some irrigation projects.

Theo. Espe, Chief of the Field Division of New Mexico with headquarters at Santa Fe was in the city Wednesday and Thursday on official business.

Dr. Houghendouble, of Raton accompanied by Levinis DeSmet of Springer, was in the city Thursday. The doctor is cattle inspector and is in this vicinity inspecting cattle for scab.

Lesslie Alldredge has got the automobile fever so bad that he went to Springer last week and purchased his brothers Franklin, and from now on will burn up the dust.

B. W. Storgis of east of town was a business visitor here the first of the week.

Miss Lela Mitchell of Pleasant View was a business visitor in the city Thursday.

Henry Farr of the La Cinto Canyon was a business visitor in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Alldredge were visitors in the city Sunday from their home in Springer.

J. E. La Rue, a prosperous farmer of near Mills was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

Special Correspondence

Mills Items

The people are rejoicing over the prospect of a fine wheat crop.

Mr. Lebert has bought a McCormick Binder of the Floersheim Merc. Co. at Roy.

Mrs. Rainbow came in from Raton Sunday to spend some time with her mother.

Mrs. Crews and children went to Yankee last week where Mr. Crew is at work.

Mrs. Geo. Hite left for Wichita Thursday to meet her husband.

Mr. Lumbard and his crew worked all night Tuesday night on the wreck at mile post 74 between Mills and Roy.

Pleasant View

Nels Wetterhus was a Roy visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. R. W. Mitchell has been on the sick list the past two weeks.

Frank Schutte is on his claim again after a few months absence.

Emma Boulware was a pleasant caller at the Hayes home Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Mitchell called on R. W. Mitchell and wife Wednesday.

Preaching at Pleasant View Sunday was enjoyed by all.

Claud Hoskins was the guest of Carlyle and Elmer Boulware Sunday.

Lesslie Walker arrived home a few days ago from Okla. where he has been attending school.

NOTICE

All parties owing the Tyler Estate will please advise the undersigned as to the correctness of indebtedness. Any parties holding receipts from B. G. Tyler will please present same. I understand some accounts have been paid, although appearing on the books as unpaid, and no accounting made by B. G. Tyler.

E. J. H. Roy.

E. W. Paxton and son, Will were in the city Wednesday on a shopping expedition.

Alex. Berents of Mills was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Isidore Armijo, a newspaper man and J. S. Castleberry, of Las Cruces, N. M. were here Thursday and Friday transacting business. From here the gentlemen went to Gallegos in the Roy automobile with W. Fred Ogden at the wheel and W. Frank Walkowiak.

Miss Eugenia M. Roy, sister of Mrs. I. C. Floersheim is spending the week with relatives in Springer and Las Vegas.

EDITOR BURNED

Narrowly Escapes Being Burned to Death When Clothes Catch Fire

Eugene J. H. Roy, Editor of the Spanish American was seriously burned last Friday night by a gasoline fire. Mr. Roy drew some gasoline from his automobile for the lights in the California Wine & Liquor Co., and while drawing the oil in the dark his left arm became saturated, which he paid little attention too, and after entering the building he attempted to light a cigar and in a second he was a mass of flames. Several friends standing by pulled his coat off, thinking the fire was only on the coat, but instead his undergarments were also saturated and the flames became larger than ever. Mr. Roy held his arm towards the ceiling which let the flames burn upward until Mr. Walkowiak, the proprietor of the place wrapped a blanket around the burning man, extinguishing the blaze. Had he held his hand along side of his city automobile clothes, he would, in all probability have been burned to death, but as it is, he is suffering with a badly burned hand and arm, which the doctors claim will take about two months to heal.

Notice of Attachment

ROY, N. M.,
May 6, 1912.

MR. C. L. HAGGEMER:
You are hereby notified that a writ has been issued against you, and your property attached and unless you appear before the Justice of the Peace at Roy, Mora County, New Mexico, on the 31st day of May, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m., judgment will be rendered against you, and your property sold to pay the debt.
CLARENCE WRIGHT,
Constable.

Millard Aldridge of Dawson who has been spending the past week on his farm east of town returned to his place of business Sunday.

Miss Maggie Gallagher who has been visiting her brother, John on the ranch near DeHaven, took the train Sunday for her home at Elizabeth Town, N. M.

Miss Olga Nelson and sister were pleasant callers at this office Thursday from their home at Pleasant View.

Mrs. L. B. Woods, Miss Bessie and Roy Wood of the Kansas Valley were business visitors in Roy Wednesday.

Forrest Remesberg, the popular salesman of the Remesberg Mercantile Company of Raton was calling on local trade Wednesday.

D. C. Traister and son were in from their ranch near DeHaven Thursday after a load of supplies.

Chas. Kidd was in from the Kansas Valley Thursday disposing of eggs and butter.

L. W. Peifer, was a business visitor in the city yesterday from his home near Mills.